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A Chardon, Ohio, man has built a 625-square-foot house made of snow and equipped with cable and a flat-screen TV. Jim Grey started his construction project in January. The structure now spans four rooms, including the entertainment room with the TV, a surround-sound system and strobe lights. Grey says his work isn't done — he's adding a guest bedroom. (AP)

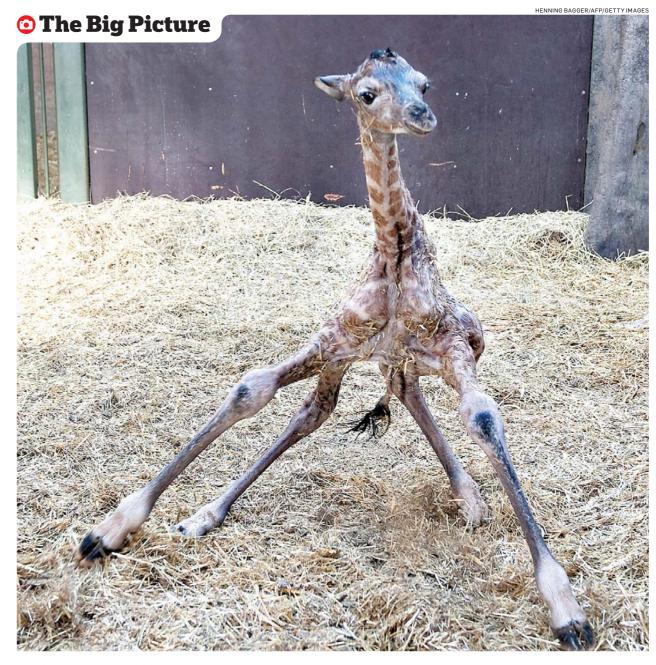
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Residents of Village Green Drive in Landover, Md., dig their cars out on Thursday. Similar scenes played out along much of the East Coast after a record-breaking storm.

A Slow, Snowy Return to Normal

Crews restore power, rescue drivers as the East Coast digs out

Philadelphia

Crews in Maryland worked to rescue motorists stranded on highways in snow drifts up to 8 feet tall and utility workers scrambled to restore power to more than 100,000 customers a day after a powerful storm disrupted the lives of about 50 million people from

the southern plains up through the East Coast.

The storm has been blamed for more than a dozen deaths, mostly in traffic accidents.

Snowbound airports resumed limited operations, but many flights were still canceled or delayed. School systems in the path of the storm remained closed for a second day, including in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., although New York City school-children headed back to class after only their third snow day in

six years.

In Washington, the federal government was closed for a fourthstraight day.

Paul Kocin, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Washington, said the storm compares to some of the greatest ever largely because of its timing.

"The big difference is that it occurred within a week and a half of three other storms," Kocin said. "The combination of storms is almost unprecedented — the amount of snow, the amount of impact."

The latest storm dumped more than 19 inches in Baltimore, 10 inches in Washington, D.C., and 16 inches in Philadelphia. About 20 inches fell in central New Jersey, and totals ranged from 10 to 16 inches around New York City.

Rescue workers in western Maryland broke through 6-to-8-foot snowdrifts to reach motorists in more than two dozen vehicles stranded overnight on U.S. 340. The highway became impassable after two tractor-trailers jacknifed and blocked the road. PATRICK WALTERS (AP)

Suit Cites Blackwater Overbilling

Raleigh, N.C.

Two former Blackwater Worldwide employees say the security company repeatedly billed the U.S. government for excessive or inappropriate expenses, including a prostitute for workers in Afghanistan and strippers in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

In a federal lawsuit filed in Virginia, Brad and Melan Davis say Blackwater officials also deceived the government by double-billing for travel costs and creating false invoices. They say the U.S. government "has been damaged in the amount of many millions of dollars in funds."

A federal law enforcement official told The Associated Press that federal authorities in Virginia were investigating whether Blackwater had overbilled for its State Department work.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly. (AP)

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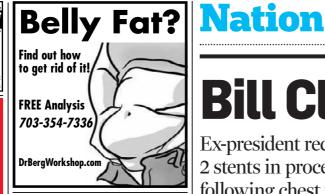
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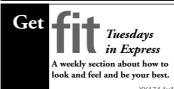
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Bill Clinton Hospitalized

Ex-president receives 2 stents in procedure following chest pains

New York, N.Y.

Former president Bill Clinton had two stents inserted in one of his heart arteries after being hospitalized with chest pains, an adviser said Thursday.

Clinton, 63, "is in good spirits and will continue to focus on the work of his foundation and Haiti's relief and long-term recovery efforts," said adviser Douglas Band.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton left Washington and headed to New York to be with her husband, who underwent the procedure at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Stents are tiny mesh scaffolds used to prop open an artery after it is unclogged in an angioplasty procedure. Doctors thread a tube through a blood vessel in the groin to a blocked artery, inflate a balloon and slide the stent into place.

That is a different treatment from what Clinton had in 2004, when clogged arteries first landed him in the hospital for quadruple bypass surgery.



Ex-president Bill Clinton unloads aid supplies during a humanitarian trip to Haiti.

Backstory

Clinton underwent emergency heart bypass surgery in 2004. Doctors then found four major blood vessels that supply oxygen to Clinton's heart were blocked, some by as much as 90 percent. The surgery was scheduled on short notice after tests found that his coronary arteries were clogged. High cholesterol, genetics and a love of fast food were regarded as the likely culprits. (TWP)

With bypass or angioplasty, patients often need another procedure years down the road because arteries often reclog.

"It's not unexpected" for Clinton to need another procedure now, said Dr. Clyde Yancy, cardiologist at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas and president of the American Heart Association.

The sections of arteries and veins used to create detours around the original blockages tend to develop clogs five to 10 years after a bypass, he explained. New blockages also can develop in new areas.

Clinton has been working in recent weeks to help relief efforts in Haiti. Since leaving office, he has maintained a busy schedule working on humanitarian projects. (AP)

Baucus, Grassley Unveil \$85B Bipartisan Jobs Bill

Washington

The top Democrat and Republican on the Senate Finance Committee released a draft of the chamber's jobs bill Thursday, vowing to maintain the "bipartisan character" of their negotiations going forward.

The \$85 billion package which includes a payroll tax break for employers hiring new workers along with a blend of tax credits, infrastructure spending and measures to extend expiring legislation — is the first in what Democratic

leaders say will be a series of jobcreation measures the Senate will address in 2010. The bill also represents a break from recent partisan history in the chamber, where the majority and minority have been loathe to collaborate on any significant legislation.

"We want the bipartisan character of the discussions that led to this draft package to remain as the package is considered," Sens. Max Baucus, D-Mont., and Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said in a joint statement. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

MEETINGS



President Obama will meet with the Dalai Lama at the White House next week. The long-anticipated meeting, set for Feb. 18, is likely to inflame tensions between China and the United States. China thinks that shunning the exiled Tibetan monk should be a basic principle of international relations. (AP)

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World



American Laura Silsby, left, is escorted to court in Port-au-Prince on Monday.

Haiti May Release 10 Americans

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

The 10 U.S. missionaries facing trial for trying to take a busload of children out of Haiti should be released from jail while an investigation continues, a Haitian judge said Thursday, giving the Americans their best news since their arrests nearly two weeks ago.

Judge Bernard Saint-Vil has the final word on whether to free the missionaries, though he gave the prosecutor-general the chance to raise objections. He said he was accepting defense attorneys' request to provisionally free the Americans while an investigation continues.

It is unclear when the missionaries, most from an Idaho Baptist church group, might be released, and Saint-Vil said it was too early to say whether they would be able to leave earthquake-crippled Haiti if granted provisional freedom. It is also unclear what bearing releasing the missionaries might have on whether they go to trial.

The Americans were charged last week with child kidnapping and criminal association after being arrested Jan. 29 while trying to take 33 children, ages 2 to 12, across the border to an orphanage they were trying to set up in the Dominican Republic. (AP)

Iran Quashes Opposition Rallies

Forces crack down on protesters as others celebrate revolution

Tehran

Hundreds of thousands of government supporters massed Thursday in central Tehran to mark the 31st anniversary of Iran's Islamic revolution, while a heavy deployment of security forces largely prevented protesters from using the occasion to stage opposition rallies.

The protesters were met by unusually large security forces, which closed off streets and cut access to groups of opposition supporters to the central avenue and square where the anniversary was celebrated. Witnesses reported clashes in the Sadeghiyeh neighborhood, where opposition leader Mehdi Karroubi tried to join the rallies.

He was forced to leave when security forces affiliated with the Revolutionary Guard Corps used tear gas to disperse crowds. The windows of his car were smashed by plainclothes members of a paramilitary unit, witnesses said.

Revolutionary Guard special forces, clad in olive uniforms and black ski masks, carried assault rifles as they directed groups of sol-



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, center, greets supporters at a rally in Tehran to mark the 31st anniversary of Iran's Islamic revolution.

diers, and there were unconfirmed reports of shootings. A spokesman for Karroubi said that a tear gas grenade exploded in front of the former speaker of parliament and that his eyesight was damaged.

International media representatives were prevented from freely covering the rally and were placed in a special area surrounded by government supporters holding up posters showing Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

In Washington, a State Depart-

A 'Nuclear State'

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, whose disputed reelection victory triggered the opposition protests in June, declared Thursday Iran had made progress in producing higher-grade enriched uranium and is now a "nuclear state." He vowed he would not let the West bully Iran into curtailing its nuclear program, which he insisted was for peaceful purposes. (TWP)

ment spokesman said the government had attempted to choke off the flow of information within Iran, adding, "It is clear ... the Iranian government fears its own people."

The spokesman, P.J. Crowley, said he had seen reports that Iran's telephone network, text messaging, satellite television and the Internet had all been jammed. "It would appear that Iran has attempted a near total information blockade," he said. THOMAS ERDBRINK AND WILLIAM BRANIGIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

South Africans Fete Mandela's Freedom



SUPPORTERS OF FORMER South African president and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Nelson Mandela hold a poster of him as they attend celebrations on Thursday to mark the 20th anniversary of Mandela's release from prison.

Gunfire Kills Eight in Brazil Slum

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Gunfire erupted Thursday in a Rio de Janeiro slum, killing at least seven suspected drug traffickers and a policeman a day before Carnival celebrations kick off.

A police spokesman said the gunbattle in the Jacarezinho slum started while police were on a routine patrol. He declined to be quoted by name, citing department policy.

Jacarezinho is located in northern Rio, far from the tourist areas and the Carnival parties that open Friday and draw about 500,000 visitors each year.

But the violence nevertheless adds to concerns about the city's image and how much it will be able to curtail violence as it prepares to host the 2016 Olympics.

Thursday was one of the bloodiest days in Rio since October, when a drug gang war saw police kill scores of suspects during two weeks of operations. That violence was ignited when a police helicopter was shot down by suspected traffickers, and 2,000 officers began raiding slums to look for those responsible. (AP)

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World

Soldiers Ready for Afghan Siege

International troops set stage for offensive on Taliban stronghold

Near Marjah, Afghanistan

U.S. and Afghan soldiers linked up with Marines on the outskirts of the Taliban stronghold of Marjah on Thursday, sealing off escape routes and setting the stage for what is being described as the biggest offensive of the nine-year war.

Taliban defenders repeatedly fired rockets and mortars at units poised in foxholes along the edge of the town, apparently trying to lure NATO forces into skirmishes



A Marine reads a letter decorated with lipstick kisses near Marjah, Afghanistan.

before the big attack.

Up to 1,000 militants are thought to be holed up in Marjah, a key Taliban logistics base and center of the opium poppy trade. But the biggest threats are likely to be the land mines and bombs hidden in the roads and fields of the community, 380 miles southwest of Kabul.

The precise date for the attack has been kept secret. U.S. officials have signaled for weeks they planned to seize Marjah, a town of about 80,000 people in Helmand province and the biggest community in southern Afghanistan under Taliban control.

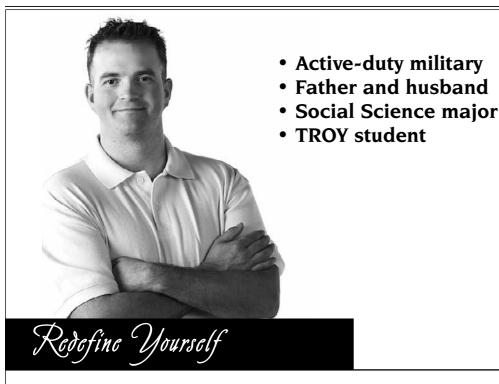
NATO officials say the goal is to seize the town quickly and re-estab-

lish Afghan government authority, bringing public services in hopes of winning support of the townspeople once the Taliban are gone. Hundreds of Afghan soldiers were to join U.S. Marines in the attack to emphasize the Afghan role in the operation.

As the Marines waited for battle, they received their first mail since arriving in the Marjah area.

Some Marines burned their letters after reading them, either because they didn't want to carry extra weight or lose the letters during fighting. Others kept them.

"Tm not burning any of my pictures or letters," said Cpl. Christian Martir, 23, from Northridge, Calif., as he stared at photos from his girlfriend. "I'm keeping all of it." Alfred de Montesquiou and Christopher Torchia (AP)



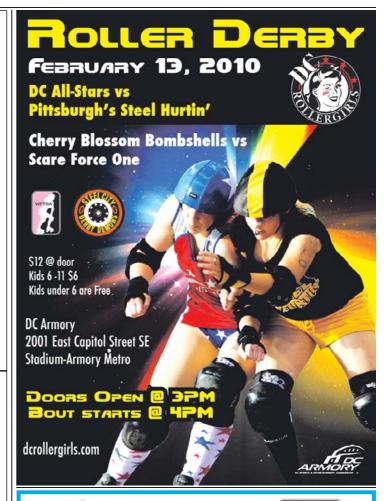
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World

British Designer McQueen Dies at 40

International fashion icon was known for edgy, daring pieces

London

His runway shows were often like performance pieces: One featured models with headwear made of trash. Another showed off 10-inch heels shaped like lobster claws.

At the pinnacle of his success, British fashion designer Alexander McQueen was found dead in his home Thursday, days after posting online remarks about the death of his mother. He was 40.

The circumstances pointed to a possible suicide, but there was no confirmation from police or McQueen's publicists. Authorities said the death was not suspicious, apparently ruling out foul play. They did not indicate how McQueen was discovered.

The Sun tabloid cited an anonymous source on its Web site who said workers found McQueen hang-

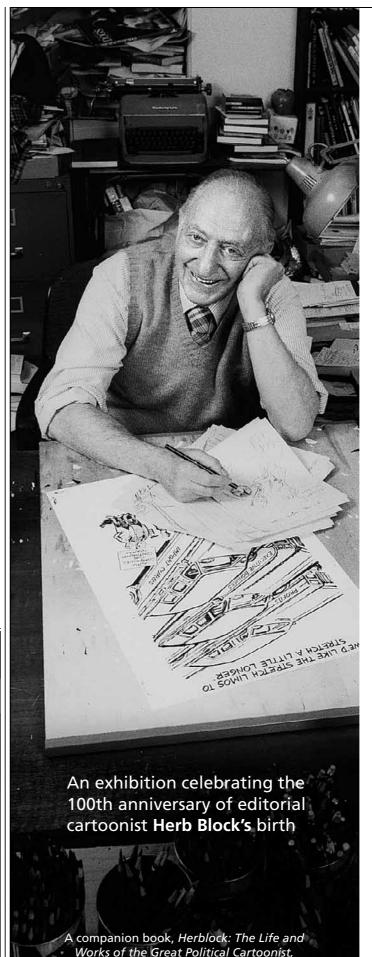


Alexander McQueen, seen at a fashion show in 2006, was found dead Thursday.

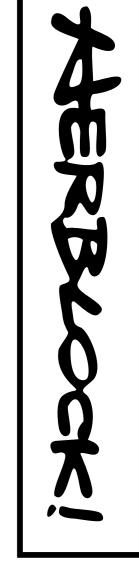
ing in his apartment. The newspaper gave no further details. His family issued a statement asking for privacy.

McQueen's edgy pieces were coveted and treasured by stylish women across the globe and seen on numerous red carpets.

Vogue Editor in Chief Anna Wintour called McQueen "one of the greatest talents of his generation. ... He brought a uniquely British sense of daring and aesthetic fearlessness to the global stage of fashion." GREGORY KATZ (AP)



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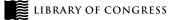
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Local

Md. Police Search for Motorists

At least 20 people are stuck in disabled vehicles in Frederick

Frederick, Md.

Rescue teams are trying to reach at least 20 stranded motorists in Frederick, including children, who have been in disabled vehicles since Wednesday.

State and local officials say there are 39 disabled vehicles holding at least 20 people, hemmed in by snowdrifts and unplowed roads throughout Frederick County.

The vehicles are at scattered sites from just north of Montgomery County to the farthest northern points of Frederick County.

Emergency rescue teams have been in cell phone contact with vehicle occupants who called for help.



A pedestrian treads in drifting snow on Linden Avenue in Frederick, Md., Saturday.

The occupants have said they are fine so far and are waiting to be pulled from snowbanks and off the sides of roadways, said Tom Owens, director of Fire and Rescue Services for Frederick County.

National Guard troops and a Maryland State Police helicopter are aiding local crews in the searches, Owens said. The vehicles are at scattered locations, including isolated rural roads, which compli-

Outages Still Abound

There are fewer than 4,000 homes without power, but restoring them will be slow going because each repair brings only a few homes back online, a Pepco spokesman said. As of about 5 p.m. Thursday, Pepco had 606 customers in Prince George's County, 684 customers in Montgomery County and 1,298 customers in the District without power. Dominion had 221 customers in Northern Virginia without power, and BGE had 1,136 customers without power in the areas it serves across Maryland. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

cates the search, Owens said. In some instances, crews are having to walk more than a quarter-mile through 3-foot-tall drifts to reach cars, Owens said. MARY PAT FLAHERTY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Virginia

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Mid-day Pick 4	4-4-5-4
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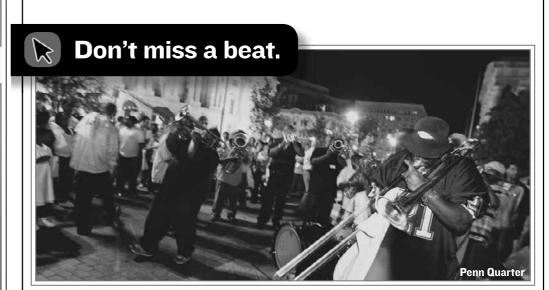
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TV Lineup



Danica Patrick's Nationwide Series race has eclipsed the Daytona 500.

Friday

7:30 P.M. Who will light the Olympic flame in Vancouver during the Opening Ceremonies of the Winter Games?

9 P.M. Big East powers West Virginia and Pittsburgh tip off. ESPN

Saturday

1 P.M. Maryland's men's basketball team can take over first place in the ACC with a victory over Duke. CBS 1 P.M. Danica Patrick is the star attraction at the Nationwide Series opener at Daytona. ESPN2

4 P.M. George Mason takes on Old Dominion in a CAA basketball game. CSN

8 P.M. The Caps play the St. Louis Blues in their last game before the Olympic break. CSN

8 P.M. Virginia Tech looks to sweep Virginia in basketball. My20

8:30 P.M. The NBA's skills competition features the 3-point shootout and the dunk competition. TNT

Sunday

NOON Jimmie Johnson aims to continue his dominance in the Sprint Cup during the Daytona 500. Fox

4 P.M. Georgetown's men's basketball team can stay in the top 10 with a win over Rutgers.

8:30 P.M. Kobe Bryant may be forced to sit out of the NBA's All-Star Game in Arlington, Texas.



Destination: Vonncouver

Can the U.S.' top skier reach the mountaintop battling another injury?

Alpine Skiing

The lasting image of Lindsey Vonn's 2006 Turin Olympics was a body-battering tumble during a downhill training run, a crash while she barreled down a mountainside at 50 mph or more.

She was tossed about 15 feet. She slammed against the snow with her right knee, her back, her head.

After being airlifted to a hospital, Vonn was told to forget about competing at those Olympics. Undaunted, she began trying to figure out how to sneak her way out of there, intent on reaching the slope in time for the next race.

"It was never a matter of 'Can I?' or 'Maybe should I skip this race, prepare for the next race?' I just wanted to ski," said Vonn.

True enough, she was back on her skis and in a starting gate less than 48 hours after that harrowing fall. That determination and daring are part of why Vonn was favored to win up to five medals in the next two weeks.

Now, though, it may take all Vonn

can muster just to take part in the games. A severely bruised right shin has the 25-year-old star questioning whether she will take slopes at all in what was to be the Vonncouver Olympics.

She hasn't skied since getting hurt and said it's even been painful to simply put on a pair of ski boots in her hotel room to test the leg. "It's probably the worst place that you can have an injury, because you're constantly pushing against your boot, and there's no way around it," Vonn said.

Vonn, who had been the favorite to win gold in the downhill and super-G, is still slated to compete in all five Alpine events.

But can Vonn perform at a high level? She can draw on her previous experiences if doubts creep in. This past season, she lost control during a World Cup giant slalom in Austria and nearly broke her left wrist. It turned out it was a bad bruise, and Vonn was back out there the next morning. Less than two weeks later, she was stringing together a three-race winning streak

"I've fought through injuries before — I'm no stranger to that," she said on the "Today" show. "But it's going to be really hard. I just have to try to stay positive and do the best I can." (AP)

A 'Fantastic' Break for Vonn

Aided by painkillers and numbing cream, Lindsey Vonn tested her bruised right shin Thursday and came away encouraged about her prospects. The opening women's Olympic downhill training session was called off after only two racers because of thick fog and low visibility, but Vonn got a free run on the mountain. "My shin was still very painful, but I feel like the injury is finally progressing a bit," said Vonn. "I am always disappointed when a training run is canceled, but in this situation, I definitely welcome the extra day to heal." Indeed, her husband, Thomas, called the cancellation "fantastic." (AP)



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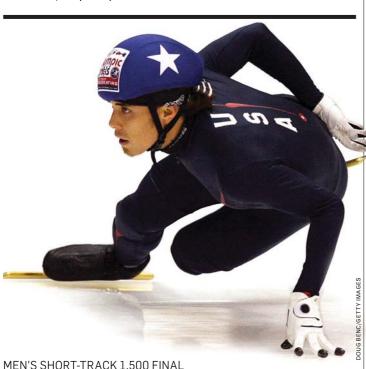
A Gold Rush

Believe it or not, there is more to these Olympics than Lindsey Vonn and her already notorious bruised right shin. Over the course of 17 days, stars will be born while others fall. To make sense of it all, The Washington Post has created a daily guide for the Vancouver Games, which get under way on Friday night.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Let the Games Begin

While there is some preliminary ski jumping, the opening ceremonies are what all eyes will be on Friday night. Five-time Olympian and two-time Olympic medalist Mark Grimmette, 39, will be the U.S. flag bearer. Grimmette, who competes in doubles luge with partner Brian Martin, won a bronze at the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano and a silver in 2002 in Salt Lake City. After failing to finish at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Grimmette and Martin won the world championship bronze medal last year in Lake Placid, N.Y. (FEB. 12)



The Old Man and the Ice

Apolo Anton Ohno will be looking for gold in an event that has DAY 2 brought him a mix of success, controversy, stumbles and, perhaps, gray hair at the Olympic Games. "I'm an old man at 27," Ohno said recently. This year he could face a different challenge: a young American rival. At last year's world championships in Vienna, Austria, a pair of South Koreans took gold and silver in the 1,500 meters, and up-and-coming U.S. star J.R. Celski, 19, claimed bronze — one of four individual medals he won at the championships. Ohno finished fourth. (FEB. 13)

WOMEN'S SUPER COMBINED

Will Vonn Be Ready To Go on the Slopes?

Sunday's women's super combined was supposed to be a measuring stick of whether American skier Lindsey Vonn had a shot to win five gold medals. Instead, it might reveal whether she'll be able to compete at all in the Olympics after she revealed a bruised right shin on Wednesday. If she's able to ski, Vonn's stiffest competition will come from Germany's Maria Riesch, Vonn's best friend, and Sweden's Anja Paerson. (FEB. 14)

MEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS

Holland Chases His Golden Dream

DAY 4 American Nate Holland has won five-straight X-Games titles. Though he finished 14th in Turin. Holland believes his World Cup victory in January shows he is capable of getting the gold. He will contend with French star Pierre Vaultier and reigning Olympic champ Seth Wescott. (FEB. 15)

WOMEN'S LUGE

Can an American **Unseat Germany?**

The competition should come down to American Erin Hamlin versus the Germans, and the Germans versus themselves. Since the women's event was introduced at the 1964 Innsbruck Games, German women have won 27 of 36 medals, and they swept the podium in Salt Lake City and Turin. Hamlin is fourth in the overall World Cup standings, behind — of course - three Germans. (FEB. 16)



MEN'S HALFPIPE FINAL

White Looks for a Repeat

A professional snowboarder since age 13, Shaun White has parlayed his talent and considerable mane of red hair into a virtual corporation. White has his own video game, DVD and lines of sunglasses; outdoor clothing; men's, children's and even women's clothing; and various other deals. To keep his popularity soaring, he needs not only to win his second-straight Olympic gold medal but also to keep bringing out innovative tricks that his competitors can only admire. White will be trying to dazzle, however, without former formidable competitor Kevin Pearce in the mix. Pearce suffered a brain injury Dec. 31 while doing halfpipe training. (FEB. 17)



MEN'S FIGURE SKATING, LONG PGM.

Plushenko Is Back. **Better Than Ever**

After winning the Olympic title in 2006, Russian figure skating great Evgeni Plushenko retired, but he grew increasingly concerned about Russia's fading place in the world of figure skating. After years of hinting that he might return, he rejoined his longtime coach, Alexei Mishin, last March and returned to competition last fall. He has been nothing but dominant since. (FEB. 19)

MEN'S SKELETON

Lund Set to Make A Bald Statement

Zach Lund was one of the saddest stories of the

2006 Winter Olympics; he was sent home as the top-ranked skeleton athlete because he tested positive for a drug in his hair-loss medication.

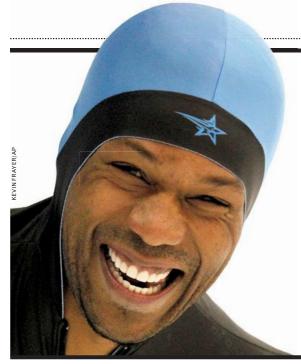


Though the drug had been added to the banned list only the previous vear, and Lund had declared it on his anti-doping forms, he was

still thrown out of Turin almost as soon as he arrived. He is back - now completely and defiantly bald — and determined to claim the medal he was favored to win four years ago.

(FEB. 18)

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MEN'S 1.500 SPEEDSKATING

Going for More Gold

By dropping the Olympic 10,000meter race in late January, Shani Davis backed down on his plans to attempt to match Eric Heiden's 1980 feat of winning five speedskating golds in a single games. But in an age of specialization in speedskating, many consider Davis' hope of winning four a significant long shot. The reigning world-record holder in the 1,000 and 1,500, Davis will be expected to win

a medal in the 1,500, but he will be challenged by American Chad Hedrick, the 2006 Olympic bronze medalist in the event. In 2006 in Turin. Davis became the first black individual athlete to win a Winter Games gold medal. (FEB. 20)



Sweden's curling team hopes to beat Canada at its own game in Vancouver.

MEN'S SKI CROSS

An Old Dog Learns Some New Tricks

This new Olympic event will feature a familiar face: former alpine skier Daron Rahlves. A three-time world champion, Rahlves, 36, retired from alpine skiing in 2006. He took up ski cross — an X Games sport known as SkierX — the next year and won the event at the Winter X Games in 2008. He's 10th in the World Cup standings, but ski cross is a sport in which anything can happen. (FEB. 21)



ICE DANCING

U.S. Sports a Pair Of Medal Hopefuls

They are gorgeous, talented, strong and accomplished — and, on top of all that, gold-medal contenders. Americans Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto won an Olympic silver medal four years ago and want to end their careers in Vancouver with gold. But proteges Meryl Davis and Charlie White dominated last month at the U.S. championships and are the U.S. team to beat. (FEB. 22)



MEN'S NORDIC COMBINED

Big Three Set for An American First

Three of the five Americans — Todd Lodwick, Bill

Demong and Johnny Spillane —who will compete in the Nordic combined team event are world champions, which should give the United States its best shot at a first-ever medal in this sport. Those three nearly broke the U.S. drought in the sport in 2002 but finished fourth. They are said to be better than ever this year. (FEB. 23)

MEN'S SHORT TRACK 500

Md.'s Cho Seeks **Another Surprise**

Laurel's Simon Cho, 18, will be considered the largest of underdogs in the 500-meter

heats. Of course, he has played that role before and quite well. Considered the fourth best in the 500-meter field at the Olympic trials, Cho finished first - ahead even of Apolo Anton Ohno and J.R. Celski. The performance not only sent jaws dropping; it earned Cho an Olympic spot. (FEB. 24)

WOMEN'S FREE SKATE FINAL

Will Kim Fall Flat On the Big Stage?

South Korean Kim Yu-Na, 19, is considered in a class all her own when she skates well. And, until Skate America in Novem-

ber, she always seemed to skate well. But a sloppy performance, which she blamed on nerves, opened the door for Rachael Flatt, the U.S. champion. Flatt, who is known as Ms. Consistency, could very well be one to watch if Kim's nerves begin to set in. (FEB. 25)

FOUR-MAN BOBSLED

After Hays Bows Out, U.S. Sleds On

USA Bobsled lost 2002 Olympic silver medalist

Todd Hays to a career-ending head injury this season yet still boasts a pair of medal contenders in the four-man bobsled event: reigning world champion and World Cup title winner Steven Holcomb, whose sled is known as the "Night Train," and youngster John Napier, 23, whose father, Bill Napier, was a bobsledder in the 1960s. Hoping to take advantage if the favorites falter is George Mason and Chantilly High School graduate Mike Kohn, 37. (FEB. 27)

Swede Swept Away In Canada's Sport Canada enjoys curling

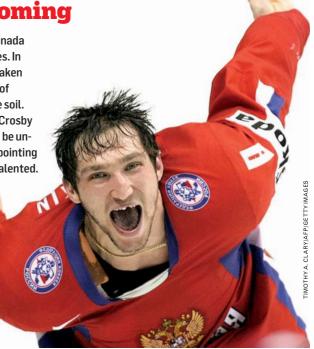
more than most nations, and the Canadian women will be a threat to win gold. But if anyone can stop them, it's likely to be Sweden's Anette Norberg, who, at 43, will be in her fourth Olympics (two of them when it was a demonstration sport). Norberg is an actuary in Stockholm in her regular life, but she has shown the ability to compete fiercely. Does she have a special affinity for beating Canada? "Yes, that might be true," she once said. (FEB. 26)

HOCKEY GOLD-MEDAL GAME

The Russians Are Coming

In the first seven Winter Olympics, Canada **DAY 17** won the gold medal in hockey six times. In the 14 Winter Games since, the Canadians have taken gold just once: in 2002 in Salt Lake City. Now, all of Canada expects Olympic gold to be won on home soil. But crowning the Canadians — featuring Sidney Crosby and Jarome Iginla on the same line — now would be unwise. Russia is coming off a tremendously disappointing fourth-place finish in Turin and could be just as talented.

Picture Alex Ovechkin, Evgeni Malkin and Ilya Kovalchuk up front and Evgeni Nabokov in goal, and it's not difficult to understand how Russia, which hasn't won Olympic gold since the breakup of the Soviet Union, won world championships in both 2008 and '09. (FEB. 28)



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The Caps' Risky Run at Gold

Team owner worried about injury chances in Vancouver Games

Olympic Hockey

Washington Capitals superstar Alex Ovechkin made an Olympic promise to talented center Nicklas Backstrom in recent weeks. If Ovechkin's Russians meet Backstrom's Swedes when next week's Olympic hockey tournament begins, the Great 8 is going to "kill him."

"Well, not kill him," Ovechkin quickly countered this week when a reporter brought up the statement. "But I'm gonna play hard against him."

Now that the Capitals' 14-game win streak is over after a 6-5 overtime loss to Montreal Wednesday, Ovechkin's playful threat is the biggest dilemma for owner Ted Leonsis, the man signing the \$124 million paychecks of Ovechkin, currently the NHL points leader, and Backstrom, who's moved into third place in the NHL points race.

While the Capitals have reached unprecedented heights — they have the league's best record in February for the first time ever — five of the team's best players will fly to Vancouver later this week, putting their bodies on the line in a hockey tournament that has no bearing on

Washington's Stanley Cup chances. The predicament has Leonsis reconsidering the NHL's relationship with the Olympics.

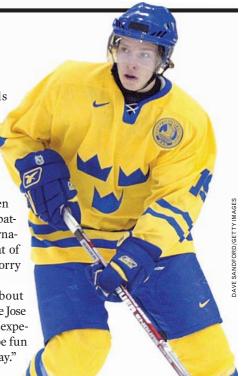
"One day, someone is going to lose a great player," Leonsis said earlier this fall. "Even though we have insurance, if someone suffers a career-ending injury, people will start to think twice."

Talented wing Alexander Semin (Russia), goalie of the future Semyon Varlamov (Russia), and up-and-coming center Tomas Fleischmann (Czech Republic) will join Ovechkin and Backstrom in Vancouver next week. If any suffers injury, it would significantly alter the Capitals' lineup.

However, Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau has said repeatedly during the season that the honor of representing one's country is too lofty for him to stand in the way. Even teammates not participating in the Olympic tournament believe the threat of injury is nothing to worry about.

"We don't think about those things," said goalie Jose Theodore. "It's a great experience, and it's gonna be fun for us to watch them play."

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For USA Bobsled, Worlds Are Not Enough

Holcomb looks to top '09 title riding aboard glossy 'Night Train'

Bobsled

The way Steven Holcomb sees it, he has everything needed to win an Olympic four-man bobsled gold medal.

A trio of sled pushers who are more like brothers than teammates, plus a high-tech, meticulously designed sled with an intimidating black coat of paint and a catchy name — the "Night Train." And if inspiration is ever needed, Holcomb need only take a look at those newly delivered, diamondcrusted rings commemorating his team's run to the 2009 world championship.

"Right now," Holcomb says, with no reluctance, "we are the team to beat." It's been 62 years since a U.S. men's bobsled driver could accurately make that claim.

"Right now, we are the team to beat."

- STEVEN HOLCOMB, U.S. BOBSLED TEAM MEMBER. SPEAKING ON HIS CHANC-ES TO WIN A GOLD MEDAL IN VANCOUVER.

Not since 1948 has an American four-man sled gone to the Olympics and brought home the gold. That's the mission Holcomb and his three push athletes — Justin Olsen, Steve Mesler and Curt Tomasevicz — will tackle at the Vancouver Games, even though history will favor German star Andre Lange and the expected raucous crowds will back Canadians such as Pierre Lueders and Lyndon Rush.

No matter. Holcomb knows only Olympic gold will validate the "Night Train" as the world's best bobsled.

"Being the world champion, it definitely helps," Holcomb said. "But until you actually get that medal ... it's like a hurdle to get over." TIM REYNOLDS (AP)



Team USA took the world championship title in Winterberg, Germany, in 2009.

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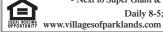
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Since he first announced, "You

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Your book is part personal reveal and part empowerment message. How do you describe it?

This book is about owning your power. Playing small is something that so many people are taught to do, because it makes other people feel comfortable. We live in this media-saturated culture where you're made to feel smaller unless you have a baby bump,

are engaged or are dating one of the stars of "Twilight." But none of that is true.

You say that everyone is in drag, whether they're dressed up in women's clothes or not.

We're all playing roles. You're born naked and the rest is drag. I've spent my life perfecting this persona that people seem to enjoy. It pays my bills, and I get to have fun and be creative with it. But it's not the truth of who I really am. Even me stark naked isn't the truth of who I really am.

How did you get into drag?

Me doing drag was something I stumbled onto. And I knew I should continue doing it based on the reaction I got. Just from simply shifting my physical appearance, I

could tell other people could get me. They could interpret my energy in a way they never had before.

In the book, you also give advice on makeup and wardrobes.

Even out of drag, you should see some of my getups. I love clothes; I change clothes three times a day, sometimes four. And this is

"The truth is, I'm an introvert masquerading as an extrovert. I enjoy being by myself."

all my men's clothes, because the only time I'm in drag is when I'm getting paid. I do it for work, not because I feel the desire to.

So, fashion is something you're passionate about?

I guess that's considered fashion, but I don't want it to be confused with the fashion world, because I think it sucks. I love the clothes but not the people.

What do you enjoy then?

I like laughing, dancing and moving my booty to Kool and the Gang, and Adam Lambert. I love this country line dancing place in L.A.

Do you go out a lot?

The truth is, I'm an introvert masquerading as an extrovert. People have this impression that I'm a people person, but I'm really not. I enjoy being by myself.

Has the popularity of "RuPaul's Drag Race" surprised you?

I'm not surprised. Drag has been around since the beginning of time. Its purpose is to remind the culture to not take itself so seriously.

BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Old Town Boutique Sample Sale, Take 2

After a snow postponement, more than a dozen Alexandria boutiques — including footwear trove Shoe Hive, decor den Red Barn Mercantile and fashionista fave Hysteria — will offer merch at 70 to 80 percent off. Feb. 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive (near the King Street Metro stop). Check Oldtownboutiquedistrict.com.

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All the Gritty Girls 2

JOAN JETT, KAREN O AND BETH DITTO provide sartorial proof that rocker chicks can look both edgy and weirdly elegant. The stacks and stacks of skinny bracelets favored by such downtown divas are climbing the fashion charts for spring. Linda Levinson's pretty-gonepunky styles in leather and rhinestones (shown, \$85) just strutted into the Shoe Hive (127 S. Fairfax St.; 703-548-7105). Don them for a night at the Black Cat or a day at the office.



A Whiff Of Warmth

IF S.A.D. (that's snow affective disorder, a new term we're submitting to the medical authorities) has you down, think spring. Or - even better - sniff it, courtesy of the new cherry blossom fragrance from luxe French line L'Occitane en Provence (\$46. L'Occitane, 3106 M St. NW; 202-337-6004). The pretty floral fragrance is light yet slightly woody and wild. Not enough? Well, there are 43 days until the National Cherry Blossom

Festival starts. Yes,

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IF OUR STEADY DIET of rom-coms has taught us anything (other than, er, the enduring hotness of Hugh Grant), it's that love is unpredictable. But that doesn't mean we don't want a little warning should Mr. Right show up at our door. Two's Company's heart-shaped paperweights include one with a fortune-telling spinner (think Magic 8 ball for the sentimental set). Other options include a chalkboard — for love notes once your suitor appears? They're \$12.50 each at Rckndy (1515 U St. NW; 202-332-5639).



The Rave **Of Tarts**

THE IDEA OF WHIPPING up a crème brûlée or apple pie for your Valentine: noble. The reality: A lack of power (due to snowstorm) or Ina Garten-like baking skills (due to laziness) means Snookums will be lucky to score a Twinkie chez you. Still, Daphne's Tarts (\$7 for a box of two. Whole Foods) defrost in a few minutes, giving you and Pookiepants dessert sans very much effort. Delicate crusts and decadent fillings - dark-as-1 a.m. chocolate, zippy passion fruit — add up to sweets that leave you more time with your sweetie.

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Manolo says, Ayyyyy! It is Snowmageddon! Snowpocalypse! Snowragnarok!

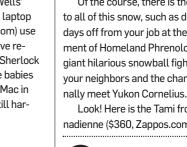


One minute you are having the normal sort of Washington winter, with the little bit of ice, the occasional dusting of snow and the usual coolish temperatures, and the next, whammo! The Abominable Snow Beast has buried you under three feets of wintery white stuff, bub!

And the District of Columbia. which is not the most efficient governmental entity on the planet, simply throws up its hands and snuggles down by the fire with the warm cup of hot cocoa, while the citizens are left to their own devices.

Of the course, there is the upside to all of this snow, such as dozens of days off from your job at the Department of Homeland Phrenology, the giant hilarious snowball fights with your neighbors and the chance to fi-

Look! Here is the Tami from La Canadienne (\$360, Zappos.com). Perfect!



A Novel Idea

STEAMPUNKERS TRICK out computers with typewriter keyboards and mice made of old science lab detritus. Still, while such Franken-technology looks cool, it functions about as accurately as H.G. Wells' misfiring time machine. BookBook laptop cases (shown, \$80, Twelvesouth.com) use distressed leather to create a sleeve resembling an antique volume from Sherlock Holmes' library. Just zip one of the babies open and slip a 13-inch or 15-inch Mac in to get a neo-Victorian vibe while still harnessing 21st-century technology.



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THE COOK OF LOVE

Win your valentine's heart (and stomach) with tips for dining à deux

▶ Call it a romance of star-crossed plates. Mike Hartnett's first attempt at cooking a romantic meal for girlfriend Devin loops endlessly in his head, a love disaster on par with the final scene of "Romeo and Juliet." "I didn't really know how to cook much at the time, but I thought it would be fun to try chicken pot pie," says Hartnett, 25, who lives in Adams Morgan. But just as the pie bubbled golden brown, the meal, quite literally, took a nosedive. With Devin looking on, Hartnett reached into the oven to pull out the pan — which promptly slipped from his hands, splattering its contents against the oven door.

"Not to let the food go to waste, I actually tried scraping it off the door. We ended up eating it," he says. "It was so embarrassing! She felt bad, but I was devastated. We had only been dating a few months." Nearly five years later, Hartnett's ego has rebounded, and the couple cook together often. (And, yes, they've even revisited chicken pot pie once or twice.)

Trying to get to a man's or woman's heart by putting a homemade meal in his or her stomach is a time-honored dating tradition. "Cooking is a really personal way to connect," explains Brendan Cox, executive chef at DC Coast (1401 K St. NW; 202-216-5988), which recently offered a men's-only Cupid's Cooking Class, featuring a menu of risotto, slow-cooked salmon and layered chocolate mousse. The main lesson: Dining à deux doesn't have to be a recipe for disaster — regardless of who's at the burner.

Whether you're hoping to woo Mr. Right with your Bobby Flay filleting — or, er, forgot to book Valentine's Day reservations — experts say simple, heartfelt cooking often amounts to the most romantic dinner. Still, "a special occasion is not the time to go out on a limb to try something you've never done," says Matt Moore, author of the forthcoming guy cucina guide "Have Her Over for Dinner" (\$25, Last Resort Press). In other words, trot out that bookmarked mole poblano recipe another night.



entertaining lookout

"You're the key component, so you have to be seated more than you're flying around," says Patrick O'Connell, chef and proprietor at the ultraromantic Inn at Little Washington (Theinnatlittlewashington.com) in Washington, Va. Rather, craft your feast based on a merging of your honey's palate and your cooking repertoire. Even your signature mac and cheese can be sweet if you know your honey hearts dairy goodness above all else. (Though chefs with romance on the menu might want to stick to lighter fare to fuel, ahem, postdinner plans.)

But while playing it safe at the stove is smart, that doesn't mean you should scrimp on the details. For Moore, that means letting a few high-quality ingredients take the lead. Think top-shelf salt and olive oil or a fresh piece of fish. "The most elegant dishes are ones with very few ingredients done really well, like raw oysters with pristine garnishes — that's sexy," says Dan Giusti, executive chef at Georgetown's 1789 Restaurant (1226 36th St. NW; 202-965-1789). He suggests laying oysters on the half shell on a bed of salt and herbs, paired with champagne or sparkling wine, for an easy but swank appetizer.

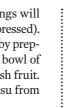
Or, get started with an abundant spread of nofuss antipastos, from marinated mushrooms and olives to salami and artisanal cheeses, washed down with a festive cocktail or generous pour of red wine. Then if your main course dish takes extralong or — gasp! — burns, your hunger pangs will already be sated (and your date already impressed). Ensure your meal ends on a delicious note by prepping a make-ahead dessert, or scooping a bowl of ice cream topped with warm sauce and fresh fruit. Even easier: Pick up a to-go slice of tiramisu from your date's favorite trattoria.

"It's not about being fussy or complicated, but just sharing food and enjoying your time together," says Meshelle Armstrong, co-owner of Alexandria's Restaurant Eve (110 S. Pitt St.; 703-706-

Even so, an unexpected splurge will keep your date on his or her toes, whether it's a dollop of libido-boosting caviar or made-from-scratch linguine. Truth be told, chefs say a little amazement is the true secret to dewy-eyed wining and dining, no perfectly cracked crème brûlée necessary.

"So much doesn't depend entirely on cooking prowess, but about how much you can allow yourself to have an imagination," O'Connell says. Look to your dining companion for inspiration, be it a nostalgic love for Venice (hint: serve calamari, don a black-and-white striped shirt and straw hat) or a top-secret pining to work on a cruise ship (three words: the buffet overfloweth).

"Most people try to be practical, but you can't be," O'Connell says. "Even if it's sitting on hay bales, you've created a surprise — something that's funny, charming and not predictable." KATIE KNOROVSKY



PAN-SEARED SCALLOPS WITH RED PEPPER **CREAM OVER ORZO PASTA**

Ingredients

1CUP heavy cream; 1/2 TSP cajun seasoning; a 12-02. jar of roasted red peppers, drained and cleaned of seeds; 1 clove garlic, crushed; 1 TSP fresh lemon juice; 1 CUP orzo pasta; kosher salt; fresh cracked pepper; 1 LB large sea scallops, patted dry; 2 TBSP extra virgin olive oil; 1/4 CUP Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, grated; 1TSP chives, finely chopped

>> Add cream and cajun seasoning to a Dutch oven or heavy-bottomed pot and bring to a slow simmer over medium-low heat (be careful not to burn) for 25 to 30 minutes, stirring on occasion. Next, heat a large pot of water over high heat. Combine the roasted red peppers, garlic and lemon juice into a food processor or blender and puree for 20 to 30 seconds, or until all ingredients are combined.

Add the roasted red pepper puree into the simmering cream and whisk thoroughly. When water comes to a boil, add orzo pasta and cook six to seven minutes, or until al dente. Drain orzo in a colander and set aside. In the meantime, preheat a cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Season scallops with salt and fresh cracked pepper. Add oil to skillet, followed by the scallops. Cook undisturbed for two to three minutes, then flip and cook for another one to two minutes, or until scallops are firm to the touch.

Add the Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese into the red pepper cream, whisk thoroughly and remove from heat. Taste the red pepper cream and adjust seasoning as necessary. Plate the orzo, followed by a generous ladle of the warm red pepper cream over the top. Top with equal portions of seared scallops. Garnish with chives and serve immediately. COURTESY "HAVE HER OVER FOR DINNER" BY MATT MOORE (\$25, LAST RESORT PRESS).

"Valentine's Day is all about being romantic and sensitive," says Lulu Powers, author of the forthcoming "Lulu Powers Food to Flowers" (\$27, William Morrow). "Even if you have to use birthday candles to set the scene, it's worth it." Fire code sticklers might install a dimmer switch, or just swap out those bright CFLs for smooth, dim 40-watt bulbs.

SETTING THE MOOD

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START: Even your Craigslist-scored table for two can be transformed into a romantic tableau with a few easy mood enhancers, whether your style skews simple or sumptuous. "No special touch will go unnoticed," Powers says. Her top hosting tip: "Give them a drink when they walk in the

>> SHARING MEANS CARING: There's a reason tapas restaurants always exude a sexy flair. "Serve something you can feed to the other person, even if it's a platter full of food you can serve in bites," suggests Rahman "Chef Rock" Harper, winner of the third season of "Hell's Kitchen" and adjunct professor at Stratford University in Falls Church. "Sharing food is engaging and a little playful."

▶ CUPID IS IN THE DETAILS: For bonus points, finesse your pad with subtle extras. "Set the mood with little touches in places where you would least likely expect something fabulous — it could be flowers in the bathroom or a present on her pillow," advises Christina Canalez Presock, director of catering at the historic Willard InterContinental hotel (1401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW: 202-628-9100).

▶ GO WILD: When the Inn at Little Washington's Patrick O'Connell plans a dinner date, he dreams big. "You have to transport people somewhere they've never been," he says, which might translate to a Marrakech-style tent in the living room or opulent candles and mirrors à la Versailles. "The further you can get them from their everyday mentality, the happier they're going to be."

>> CROON AND SWOON:

"There's so much power in a classic song, dim lighting and a single flower," says Matt Moore, author of "Have Her Over for Dinner" (\$25, Last Resort Press).

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The Kids Can All Fight

"Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief" overcomes its unwieldy title with a cleverly written, intensely directed story (Chris Columbus, the director of the first two "Harry Potter" movies, helmed it). A hero's quest for the Clearasil Crowd.



it's full of clever nods to Greek mythology, a sweet heart and enthralling combat.

Most movie violence is gun-based, but, Natalie Portman in "The Professional" aside, it's problematic

to hand kids guns. Sure, it's puzzling why the descendants of Greek gods and goddesses train on broadswords and rapiers (wouldn't they have upgraded to Beretta 9-millimeters by now?), but the swordplay in "Percy Jackson" shows why those who live by the sword kick ass by the sword.

Sword combat requires an element of creativity and finesse, and the two main fighters in "Percy Jackson" handle their metal well. Logan Lerman as Percy (the son of Poseidon) is the stronger, but Alexandra Daddario as Annabeth (the daughter of Athena), can certainly swing, so to speak. It helps that, in contrast to the current trend toward disturbingly skinny tween stars, Daddario looks healthy enough to actually pick up some steel.

Hand-to-hand weaponry might be genrecized to fantasy, history and martial arts films, but by combining it with iPods and teen angst, you end up with a clanging recipe for success.



Topher Grace and Anne Hathaway frolic in "Valentine's Day." The pandering chick flick features lots of bare-chested males.

Chemistry Tests

Watch Hollywood stars mix and match in the bloated, banal 'Valentine's Day'

Film Review

"Valentine's Day" might boast the most shirtless dudes we've seen in a movie since "300." If this Hallmark card of a film didn't already make it clear, the beefy bodies of "Valentine's Day" does: This is a movie aimed squarely at women and, one supposes, their unfortunate dates.

Set in Los Angeles, the film begins with the baritone voice of a "DJ Romeo Midnight" announcing that in honor of Valentine's Day, he's going to play "the songs you love and the songs you love to love to." He barley spins a winner the rest of the movie, but, then again, the aphrodisiacs are in the cast.

We have Ashton Kutcher as a pink-clad florist, paired with his reluctant fiance, played by Jessica Alba. Jennifer Garner, a teacher, is matched with a cheating Patrick Dempsey. Anne Hathaway, paying the bills as a phone sex operator, is falling for Topher Grace.

Teen love is represented in the pairs of Emma Roberts and Carter Jenkins, and Taylor Lautner and Taylor Swift, making her feature film debut as a bouncy airhead. Our elderly couple is Shirley MacLaine and Hector Elizondo. We also get a little puppy love in a fifth-grader

'Valentine's Day'

- **▶ Director:** Garry Marshall
- **Stars:** Everyone in the universe
- In a Nutshell: Tales of assorted couples intermingle on the holiday in question.
- ▶ For Fans of: "Love Actually," if you fast-forward through all the sad and meaningful parts.

played by Bryce Robinson.

Many of these luminaries will play musical chairs on one fateful Valentine's Day. Cynicism will be defeated, and love will triumph. Teenage sex will be treated fearfully. The kindness of airline workers will be relied on to fathom the importance of a dramatic moment.

Soundtracks



Songs of Love

The "Valentine's Day" soundtrack is as star-studded as the film, especially if you consider Leighton Meester a music luminary. (She's on "Gossip Girl," people. You should know this.) Jewel and Taylor Swift both penned original songs, and there are tracks from Amy Winehouse and Willie Nelson, too. (EXPRESS)

To say that "Valentine's Day" is overstuffed would be an understatement. Not only does it ooze stars like clowns spilling out of a clown car, but it's gauzily wrapped in roses and red-and-white cards.

To his credit, director Garry Marshall juggles the many overlapping story lines successfully, though "Valentine's Day" is obviously strained by the excess.

The screenplay has obvious similarity to 2003's "Love Actually" but little of the wit. Most successful is the chemistry between Grace and Hathaway, but with so many swings, that's a pretty low batting average.

"Valentine's Day" is exactly what it professes to be: an overdose of sentimentality. You certainly can't mistake it, as one confused fifth-grader in the film does, for anything related to the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. But the reference is enough to make you wish for "Scarface," or, if love is still on the menu, "Some Like It Hot."

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Lots of Fur, Little Fear

'The Wolfman' goes for arty and bleak, but it turns out to be boring and not scary

Film Review

Authors and filmmakers have come up with endless ways to inject fresh blood into the vampire, while the werewolf generally has been left out there alone on the moors, howling at the moon. The big screen is ripe for a new take on the he-wolf legend. Yet despite a first-rate cast led by Benicio Del Toro, "The Wolfman" is a yawn.

The tone adopted by director Joe Johnston is oppressive to the point of suffocating. Sure, the players here are swept up in the story of a man bearing a horrible curse, so you don't expect them to be having fun. But they don't have to be so funereal about it.

Johnston uses Lon Chanev Jr.'s 1941 "The Wolf Man" as a solid starting point. Like Chaney,



Rawr! Benicio Del Toro as the title character looks more like a Wookie than a wolf.

Del Toro plays a wayward aristocrat named Lawrence Talbot who returns to his ancestral home after his brother's grisly death. Lawrence vows to find out who did the deed, leading to his fateful encounter with the local werewolf.

"Wolfman" pays tribute to

Chaney's guy-in-a-hairy-mask monster, which is nice yet kind of corny, since the creature doesn't look all that frightening. In the climax, when Lawrence goes wolfmanoa-wolfmano with another beast, it resembles Chewbacca in a death match with a fellow Wookiee.

'The Wolfman'

- **Director:** Joe Johnston
- > Stars: Benicio Del Toro, Anthony Hopkins, Emily Blunt
- In a Nutshell: A gloomy aristocrat seeks his brother's killer - who turns out to be a werewolf.
- For Fans Of: Facial hair, facial fur, tortured facial expressions.

The filmmakers go with the notion that the bigger the body count, the scarier the terror. But you have no idea who's getting killed and maimed in Johnston's abattoir, where anonymous gypsies and townsfolk are torn apart in bulk. The gory effects come and go so quickly, though, that even the entrails-and-decapitation crowd will feel gypped.

Del Toro starts on a note of bottomless gloom even before he joins the werewolf pack. Yeah, Lawrence is a doomed and tortured soul. But that's no reason to doom and torture the audience. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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FRIDAY

Around here, we're getting ready for Mardi Gras on Tuesday, but down in Trinidad and Tobago, it's all about carnival. The biggest cultural event in the islands begins Monday and involves two days of parades, soca competitions, and concerts and limbo contests. In D.C., our carnival comes in June, but if you need an early taste of the celebration, head for the TRINIDAD **AND TOBAGO CLUBHOUSE** on upper Georgia Avenue, where We Come to Ramajay features DIs Black Spyder, Majestic and Kid Mix spinning the hottest soca and calvpso tunes. A full menu of Caribbean food - curry chicken, stewed oxtail, rice and peas - accompanies the before-midnight drink specials, which include \$3 beers, and \$5 rum and Cokes. Fill up, because these parties are known to go late.

SUNDAY

The movie "Love Jones" was a go-to tool for enhancing amorous success when it came out in 1997. The film was a rare mature take on young, black, hip-hop-generation love, supported by a bohemian backdrop of jazz and poetry. More than a decade later, the soundtrack's romantic songs hold up well. Hear for yourself when soundtrack contributor Dionne Farris performs at the New Breakfast Club at LIV this weekend. The event serves a bountiful brunch, bottomless mimosas, and



Dionne Farris performs at Liv Sunday see the 1997 flick "Love Jones," too.

soul and jazz from the Black Alley Band. For the Valentine's edition, Black Alley will back Farris and a slate of Washington-area poets while "Love Jones" runs on multiple screens.

Gotta admit: We've never real-

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ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG, 88 minutes) For its young (or merely immature) target audience — your average fourth-grader — this sequel to the 2007 feature about an animated trio of squeaky-voiced singing rodents is a far sight better than the original. "Fantastic Mr. Fox" it's not. But as talking animal movies go, this "squeakquel" squeaks by. (MO)

AVATAR (PG-13, 161 minutes) As James Cameron proved in 1997's "Titanic," he has a penchant for melding spectacle and old-fashioned storytelling. Here, the narrative fulcrum is a classic boymeets-girl, boy-loses-girl romance. Is the dialogue corny? You bet. Does the



Charlie Wax (John Travolta, left) and James Reese (Jonathan Rhys Meyers, right) gratuitously shoot up the City of Lights in the uber-violent film "From Paris With Love."



movie go kerblooey in its final moments, during a ferocious, explosive firefight that will leave your eyeballs bleeding? Uh-huh. But Cameron has delivered what he promised with "Avatar": an ambitious, fully immersive cinematic experience. (AH)

THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13, 126 minutes) Based on the true story of Michael Oher and Leigh Anne Tuohy, "The Blind Side" has a straightforward lack of cheap sentiment that saves it from being either too maudlin or saccharine-sweet. Especially in the film's soaring, triumphant final moments, viewers get the sense that this isn't a story about race or redemption or the complexities of class and culture. It's a story about family. (AH)

THE BOOK OF ELI (R, 118 minutes) Denzel Washington beautifully inhabits the film's titular hero, a laconic, solitary gunslinger who's also custodian of a mysterious tome, carried in his backpack as he travels through a burned-out landscape populated by cannibalistic "hijackers." Gary Oldman makes a great villain, tearing into the part of Carnegie, the corrupt, smalltown boss who also wants Eli's book for his personal library. (MO)

CRAZY HEART (R, 111 minutes) You don't have to be a fan of Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson, Merle Haggard, Townes Van Zandt, Doug Sahm and sundry other Texans and twangers to love this film. But it sure can't hurt. All those musicians are invoked by Jeff Bridges in this lovely, bittersweet romantic drama, in which

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he virtually channels country music's most storied outlaws, rule-benders and heartbreakers. Bridges plays Bad Blake, a grizzled singer-songwriter now performing on the Southwestern bowling alley circuit. (AH)

DEAR JOHN (PG-13, 108 minutes) It's not as if there's anything wrong with the stars of this story of young love and heartbreak $centering \, on \, the \, long\text{-}distance \, romance$

and postal correspondence between a young soldier stationed in the Middle East and the collegiate dream girl he's known for all of two weeks. As John and Savannah, Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried, respectively, make their whirlwind courtship about as believable as any spring fling could be. Then Nicholas Sparks went and ruined things. No, I'm not upset by what eventually happens. Rather, it's the excuse you came up with for Savannah's actions. I don't know how else to say this, but it feels like, well, a lie. (**MO**)

EDGE OF DARKNESS (R, 117 minutes) Like its hero, Boston police detective Tom Craven (Mel Gibson), this elaborate revenge fantasy is a methodical and workmanlike thing. After only about five minutes of mourning for his dead child (Bojana Novakovic), Craven washes the blood off his face and gets down to business, running through the list of his daughter Emma's contacts from her cell phone, and systematically contacting them, one by one by one. Soon, he's unearthed a vast cabal, conspiracy and coverup. (MO)

AN EDUCATION (PG-13, 100 minutes) Sixteen-year-old Jenny (Carey Mulligan) lives in London with her anxious, ambitious parents, who are channeling all their post-war striving into aspirations for their bright, pretty daughter. Jenny is headed to Oxford and, presumably, better things when she crosses paths with a handsome older man who takes her under his wing. Screenwriter Nick Hornby and director Lone Scherfig have Continued on page 34

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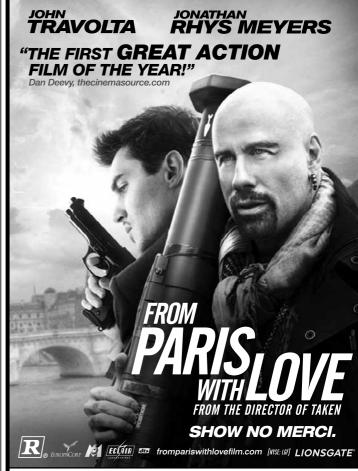
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adapted Lynn Barber's memoir to nearperfection, capturing British life in 1961 as an era between the '50s and the Youth Revolution. (AH)

FROM PARIS WITH LOVE (R, 95 minutes)

Set in the City of Lights, Pierre Morel's film has as much to do with l'amour as, say, the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Maybe less. It's the story of trigger-happy CIA veteran Charlie Wax (John Travolta) and his unlikely junior partner James Reece (Jonathan Rhys Meyers), a desk jockey who has always dreamed of ditching his cover job at the U.S. Embassy for a career in special ops. No sooner has Charlie arrived in town than he takes James under his beefy wing, shooting up half the city in what he explains is a mission to take down a French-based drug cartel. (MO)

INVICTUS (PG-13, 133 minutes) Matt Damon plays Francois Pienaar, the captain of the South African rugby team the Springboks, which in 1995 won the World Cup. The movie tells the story of that unlikely and politically crucial victory, which as much as anything was the result of the gentle coaxing and adamantine moral suasion of the country's new president, Nelson Mandela. Morgan Freeman doesn't play Mandela as much as inhabit the man, in a performance that seems to embody the very transcendence that Mandela himself has come to stand for. (AH)

IT'S COMPLICATED (R, 199 minutes) As Jane and Jake Adler — 10 years divorced and with three grown children, yet suddenly drawn back in each other's lives (and beds) after a drunken fling over the weekend of their son's (Hunter Parrish) college graduation — Alec Baldwin and Meryl Streep pick up the movie and run away with it. The writing and direction, by rom-com veteran Nancy Meyers ("Something's Gotta Give"), are deft enough. But it's Streep and Baldwin's gamely ribald performances, and their seemingly effortless, effervescent chemistry, that put the pep in this movie's highly choreographed, yet richly entertaining step. (MO)

THE LAST STATION (R, 112 minutes) Helen Mirren brings all her vinegary spirit and lustiness to her performance as Sofya Tolstoy, wife of the famed Russian author Leo (Christopher Plummer), and, as the film would have it, both the balm and bane of his existence. Based on Jay Parini's novel, the film concerns the final year of Tolstoy's life, when he was living at his family estate in near-constant battle with Sofya over his publishing copyright: He wanted to give it to the Russian people; she thought it rightfully belonged with the family. (AH)

LEGION (R, 100 minutes) The assaulting hordes are demons and angels from heaven, and these angels and their spawn aren't taking any prisoners. God's given up on the human race and is ready to wipe us out - again. Profane, profanely silly and blasphemous to beat the band, the film begins well, then plunges into the abyss of tedium. Dennis Quaid. Lucas Black. Adrianne Palicki and others yell, "What the hell IS this?" as hell rains down on them. ORI ANDO SENTINEI

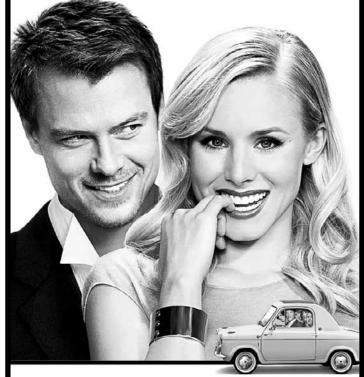
THE LOVELY BONES (PG-13, 130 minutes) Peter Jackson's movie, based on the best-selling Alice Sebold novel, flagrantly disobeys the first law of adaptation and, indeed, of filmmaking in general: Get the tone right. And tone is the first thing sacrificed in this shapeless, overlong, mawkishly muddled pop-up illustration of a movie. The protagonist is Susie Salmon (Saoirse Ronan), who in a voice-over narration explains that she was murdered in 1973 at age 14 by a neighbor. Most of the film transpires while Susie is in "the in-between," a candy-colored no-man's-land between heaven and Earth, where she watches her murderer (Stanley Tucci) hide in plain sight and her father (Mark Wahlberg) go

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mad with unresolved grief. (AH)

SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13, 125 minutes) Directed by Guy Ritchie and starring Robert Downey Jr., the newest contribution to the world of Arthur Conan Doyle spin-offs is less a product of genuinely Holmesian DNA than, say, "Se7en." There's black magic here, too; Lord Blackwood (Mark Strong) — who has been going around London dispensing with people—has apparently risen from the dead. (MO)

A SINGLE MAN (R, 99 minutes) Adapted from a Christopher Isherwood novel by Tom Ford, Firth plays George Falconer, a college professor living in Los Angeles in 1962. As the film opens, George is awaking to another day, haunted by the memory of a departed lover. As the film works its subtle magic, the movie takes on the momentum and narrative tension of a thriller, bringing the audience to the edge of its collective seat during its shattering final moments. (AH)

THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG, 92 minutes) Here we have yet another lazily kidpleasing comedy about a man unprepared for fatherhood who's suddenly saddled with children who hate his guts and who he must win over in order to make time with their hot single mom. Here, it's Bob Ho (Jackie Chan), an intelligence agent on loan from China to the CIA who finds himself taking care of the three brats of his girlfriend, Gillian (Amber Valletta), when she's called out of town on a family medical emergency. (MO)

TOOTH FAIRY (PG, 101 minutes) The Artist Formerly Known as the Rock shines as Derek Thompson, a once-promising pro hockey player now relegated to the minors. When bitterness over his own career setback prompts Derek to blurt out to his girlfriend's (Ashley Judd) daughter that there's no such thing as you-know-who, he finds himself with a summons from the Department of the Dissemination of Disbelief, where a sort of executive fairy godmother (Julie Andrews) orders him to do time as one of her army of tooth fairies. **(MO)**

UP IN THE AIR (R, 109 minutes) There are fewer things more sublime than Clooney in his comfort zone, and when it happens, the best advice is to sit back, relax and enjoy the flight. In this case, literally: Clooney plays Ryan Bingham, a corporate downsizer who spends most of his life in airplanes and likes it that way. It is a smart, alert, supremely entertaining movie, in which director Jason Reitman toggles between comedy and drama, satire and soul with the aplomb of



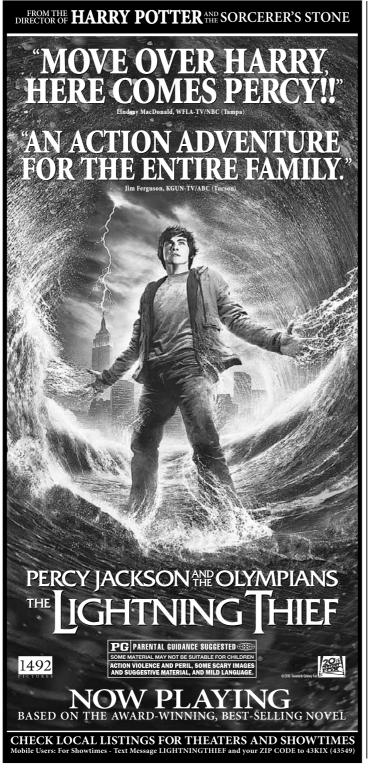
"When in Rome's" take-home message: Even Kristen Bell needs magic to lure guys.

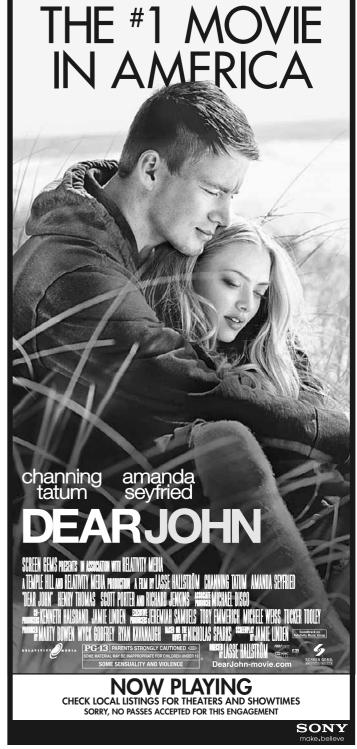
hero pilot Chesley Sullenberger. (AH)

WHEN IN ROME (PG-13,91 minutes) Kristen Bell should have eligible bachelors beating down her door. In this creakily contrived romantic comedy, she does. Will Arnett, Jon Heder, Dax Shepard and Danny DeVito all play characters who fall inlove with Bell's Beth, a lovelorn curator who returns from a wedding in Rome to find herself suddenly pursued by more

suitors than she knows what to do with. None of these dudes is really smitten with Beth — they're under some kind of magic spell resulting from the fact that Beth removed coins they threw into a wishing fountain in Rome. (MO)

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Your Vinyl Valentine Want to ignore V-Day altogether? You'll probably have to spend the evening hiding in your house, but you should spend the day browsing at the D.C. Record Fair. It's an unsurpassed hipster paradise and one of the few places people will be talking about the latest album by the Pangs of Being Pure at Heart rather than, you know, how single or how coupled they are. F.z. Black

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Washington DC

Landmark Theatres

Landmark's E-Street Cinema

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (R) 12:00 Midnight HAROLD AND MAUDE (PG) 13:00 Midnight HAROLD AND MAUDE (PG) 13:00 9:35 THE LAST STATION (R) (1:30, 4:15)7:15, 9:45 A SINGLE MAN (R) (1:40, 4:30)7:20, 9:40 THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN AMERICA: DANIEL ELLSBERG (NR) (12:15, 2:30, 5:00)7:30, 10:00 THE WHITE RIBBON (R) (12:30, 3:30)6:30, 9:30 THE WHITE RIBBON (R) (12:30, 3:30)6:30, 9:30 THE YOUNG (NR) (4:00)9:50 THE YOUNG VICTORIA (PG) (1:00) THE YOUNG VICTORIA (PG) (1:00) THE HURT LOCKER (R) (3:40)6:40, 9:40

The Avalon Theatre

The Avalon Theatre

ME AND ORSON WELLES (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00 THE MESSENGER (R) 1:30, 7:30 DISTRICT 9 (R) 8:30 P.M. INVICTUS (PG-13) 4:30 P.M.

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Uptown

EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

AMC Theaters

AMC Mazza Gallerie

THE WOLFMAN (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG) 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
VALENTINES DAY (PG-13) 1:10, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
DEAR JOHN (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:50, 10:20
FROM PARIS WITH LOVE (R) 12:25, 2:45, 5:15
8:00, 10:35
WHEN JIR ROME (PG-13) 4:40 P.M.
ITS GOMPULCATED (R) 7:30 P.M.
1:30 P.M.

1:30 P.M. AVATAR 3D (PG-13) 3:15, 6:50, 10:40

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Georgetown www.amctheatres.com

THE WOLFMAN (R) 11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50, 12:20
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THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 11:05, 1:95, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25

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AN EDUCATION (PG-13) 10:05, 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:30

Regal Cinemas

Regal Gallery Place Stadium www.regmovies.com

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EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) (11:55)
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Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse

Old Town Theatre

Virginia

Alexandria

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG-13) 7:00 P.M. THE HANGOVER (R) 11:55 P.M.

Regal Potomac Yards

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Regal Kingstowne Stadium

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Regal Ballston Common Stadium

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AMC Theatres Courthouse Plaza

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AMC Theatres Hoffman Center

THE WOLFMAN (R) 11:20, 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00, 12:35 12:05, 2:50, 5:40, 8:15, 10:55 PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG)

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CRAZY HEART (R) 10:35, 1:35, 4:25, 7:30, 10:15 THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 11:35, 2:20, 5:05

Maryland

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center

www.afi.com/silver Silver Spring THE HURT LOCKER (B) 2:10, 6:45

THE YOUNG VICTORIA (PG) 12:15, 4:40, UP IN THE AIR (R) 12:25, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, THE TALK OF THE TOWN (NR) 4:30 P.M. ROMAN HOLIDAY (NR) 7:00 P.M. FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) 9:20 P.M.

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema

THE WHITE RIBBON (R) (12:30, 3:30)6:30, 9:30
THE LAST STATION (R) (1:30, 4:15)7:00, 9:40
THE HURT LOCKER (R) (12:45, 3:45)6:45, 9:45
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UP IN THE AIR (R) (2:00, 4:40)7:20, 9:50
A SINGLE MAN (R) (1:50, 4:25)7:10, 9:25
AN EDUCATION (PG-13) (4:20)9:35
THE MAGINARIUM OF DOCTOR PARNASSUS (PG-13) (4:45)9:55
THE YOLKING VICTORIA (PG) (1:40)7:75 THE YOUNG VICTORIA (PG) (1:40)7:05
PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL "PUSH" BY SAPPHIRE (R) (2:10)7:25

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THE WOLFMAN (R) 12:45, 3:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30
PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10 PERCY JACKSON & THE ULYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13) 1:10, 4:00, 7:20, 10:20 DEAR JOHN (PG-13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30 FROM PARIS WITH LOVE (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:25, 9:45 EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15 THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50 AVATAR (PG-13) 2:30, 6:00, 9:25

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UP IN THE AIR (R) 10:40, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55

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Regal Bethesda

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WHEN IN HOME (PG-13) (12:15, 2:30, 5:00)/115, EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) 9:40
TOOTH FAIRY (PG) (11:25, 1:50, 4:20)6:40, 9:00
AVATAR 3D (PG-13) (1:2:00, 3:30)7:00, 10:20
THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) (1:00, 4:00)6:50

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TOOTH FAIRY (PG) (12-25, 2-50, 5-40)(8-10, 10-25)
THE BOOK OF ELI (R) (11-05, 1-35, 4-45)(7-30, 10-25)
CRAZY HEART (R) (11-25, 1-50, 2-30, 3-45, 5-00)(8-25, 7-45, 9-10, 10-35, 11-45)
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG) (12-00, 2-20)
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8:00



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NUMB3RS (CBS) A job protecting political activist Benjamin Polk (guest star David Call) turns into a hunt for a sniper.



Bill Maher ... But I'm Not Wrong (HBO) The comedian and commentator kicks off a new season of "Real Time With Bill Maher" on Feb. 19, but fans can get an early fix with this stand-up comedy special. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



Broken Hipster

"How to Make It in America" (10 p.m., Sunday, HBO) proves the difficulty of maintaining believability when you're trying desperately to "keep it real." Bryan Greenberg, above, stars as artist and would-be entrepreneur Ben Epstein who remains paralyzed by his need to be hip. "Make It" seems more like a fancy, slightly hipper and ratings-free version of a CW show than the kind of comedy we normally expect from HBO. к.м.









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Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Do not make an example of yourself unless you are truly willing to be scrutinized at home, at work, at rest, at play and in all things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You know how to make things better - at least for a few, and perhaps only for a short time. There's no reason for you to stop now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be close to solving a personal mystery, but you still need one or two key pieces of the puzzle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A warning received early in the day may prove something of a mystery to you — until you begin encountering things that back

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're in no mood to follow another, but rather everything about you is telling you to surge ahead and be the leader.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Are you being overconfident? Surely, you can do what you say you can do, but still maintain a realistic self-assessment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Where are your allies? You may want to look back a few days or weeks and see whether you did or said anything to drive them away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're in the mood to move even more quickly toward the desired end, but those with you are likely to insist on a more realistic pace.

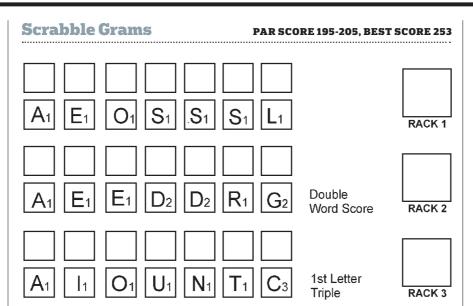
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Tension on the home front needn't keep you from doing something you've been looking forward to for some time. Tell it like it is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't vacillate; once you say you'll do something, others are counting on you to do it. Yes doesn't mean no. after all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A difficult situation may get just a bit more difficult toward midday, after you act on a decision that may have been ill informed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are eager to take part in something big and all-consuming, but the day is conspiring against you. You'll have to be patient; keep your eyes open.





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Yesterday's Solution

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B ₃ A ₁ B ₃ Y ₄ I ₁ S ₁ H ₄	RACK 4 =	<u>84</u> 275
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FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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Yesterday's Solution

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Forecast



38 23

Today: Mostly sunny, breezy and cold today. Partly cloudy and cold tonight.



Tomorrow: Partly sunny, windy and cold tomorrow. Mainly clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead







39 | 26 | 35 | 27 | 38 | 23

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:03 a.m. Sunset today: 5:42 p.m. Moonrise today: 6:09 a.m. Moonset today: 4:35 p.m.

Normal high: 45 Record high: 76 Normal low: 29 Record low: -15

Almanac

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THAT'S SO WE DON'T, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T SWEET! BUT I THOUGHT JELLYFISH TRY TO PUT HAD NO TOGETHER A HEART. NICE CARD FOR YOU. HERE. have a look.





lookout puzzles

Crossword **AN AMAZING PUZZLE**

ACROSS

1 Jane Austen novel 5 Kenneth or Bart 10 "Scram!" 14 Mean partner 15 Distinctive atmospheres (var.) 16 "Comus' composer Thomas 17 1966 sci-fi classic 20 With a passion 21 Brothers and sisters, e.g. 22 Nothing at all 23 It may make you light-headed 24 Soda buys 27 Give the impression 29 Ancient Athenian statesman 32 "To Wong _, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar' 33 Climactic

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DOWN

1 Pixies 2 Blue Beatles baddie 3 Yankee great Mickey

4 Poker payment 5 Prone to sarcastic replies 6 Private teacher's

students 7 Bittersweet coating

8 A bit blue 9 Abbr. for Jesse Jackson

10 "___ with flowers" 11 Mosquitolike nonbiter 12 "Crouching Tiger,

Hidden Dragon' director Lee 13 Ball peg 18 Indication of

things to come? 19 Historic Japanese island 24 Scottish bays

25 Small, agile deer 26 Plot of grass 28 Cartographer's output

30 American dogwood 31 Place for a bump

34 They're straight 35 Set out for display 37 White-fleeced animal of rhyme 38 Time to shine for a musician 39 Give less than is deserved 40 Show of affection 41 Person with a collar? 45 Insignia

47 Pricing word

48 Fruit for a split

51 The ones yonder

49 Hypothetical

missing links

Jones's "The Mask of Zorro" role 54 Take the plunge 57 Evened, as a score 58 In a position to help 59 Doapre-Christmas chore 60 "Cash" add-on 61 Org. that keeps New Yorkers on track 62 The woman in

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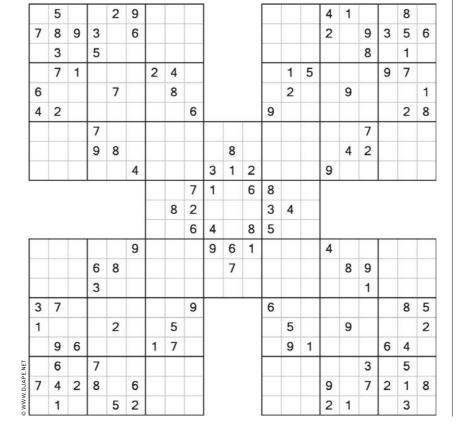
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Samurai Sudoku

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

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Today in History

Women in the Utah Territory gain the right to vote.

1915 The cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial is laid in Washington, D.C.

President Bill Clinton is acquitted by the Senate in an impeachment trial stemming from the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz dies at 77, just as his last original comic strip is being published in newspapers worldwide.

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TECTONICS

Swelling Vocals Push Las Vegas Into California

Celine Dion is returning to the Las Vegas Strip in 2011 to begin a three-year run at Caesars Palace. Dion will return to the Colosseum, home of her previous show. "A New Day." The new show begins March 15, 2011, and tickets go on sale Friday. Dion says the show will feature songs ranging from time-

less classics to fan favorites, with a concept incorporating the romance of classic movies. (AP)

Campaign Is Confusingly Both Ironic and Earnest

More than 188,000 people on Facebook are urging "Saturday Night Live" to make Betty White a host. The campaign has been gaining followers since her Snickers commercial aired during the Super Bowl. The page, which isn't affiliated with White, says she would be a "fantastic" host and that it would be a terrific way to honor her. Reps for White said she had no comment. (AP)

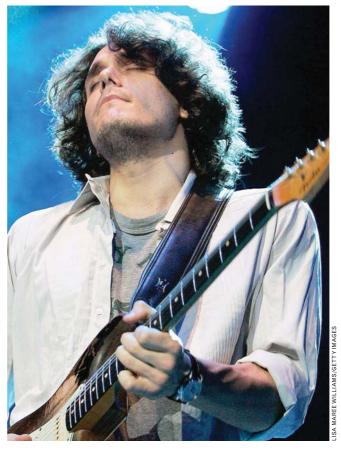


Hipsters and cat ladies can finally come together to support a single cause.



A Natural Fit!

Octomom Nadya Suleman is seeking employment with the Game Show Network, Radaronline.com reported. Representatives for the mother of 14 would not say whether she was meeting with the channel for a guest role or for a permanent job. Suleman's deal with the British production company Eyeworks for a reality series has apparently fallen through. (EXPRESS)



Thought Before Speech?

John Mayer got choked up at a performance Wednesday night as he apologized to his band mates for racist comments made in a nowinfamous Playboy interview. "In the quest to be clever, I completely forgot about the people that I love and that love me," he said, according to Usmagazine.com. "I quit the media game. I'm out. I'm done," he added. Mayer also posted several repentant tweets Wednesday. (EXPRESS)



MISBEHAVIOR

Teenager Calls Dad Out For Acting Like Teenager

Alec Baldwin was taken to a hospital early Thursday morning after his 14-year-old daughter, Ireland, called 911. She said he told her, "I'm tired of this. I'm going to take some pills. I'm going to end this." Baldwin was released from the hospital within an hour and took no alcohol or pills, his spokesman said. "This was a misunderstanding on one person's part," he said. (AP)

"Kourt just admitted that she tasted her own breast milk. **Ummmm TMI**"



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